

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Educational Background

- 1997 Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches, Université Paris-11 Orsay  
*Stochastic Heuristics for Machine Learning & Machine Learning for Stochastic Optimization*
- 1990 PhD, Université Paris-9 Dauphine, Maths and Decision, 1990  
*A symbolic-numerical approach for supervised learning from examples and rules*  
Supervisors: Edwin Diday, Yves Kodratoff, Joseph Zarka
- 1983 Master Economics, Université Paris-10 Nanterre
- 1980 Agrégation of Mathematics
- 1978 Master Applied Maths, Université Paris-6 Pierre et Marie Curie
- 1975 Ecole Normale Supérieure (Sèvres), Maths

## Professional Experience

- Research:** Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (C.N.R.S)
- 2001- Senior scientist (DR1 C.N.R.S)  
since 2001 Head of the *Inference and Learning* group, Lab. of Computer Science, Université Paris-11 Orsay  
since 2003 co-founder of the TAO, *Thème Apprentissage & Optimisation* group, INRIA, Ile-de-France Saclay
- 1991-2001 Advanced junior scientist (CR1 C.N.R.S)  
co-Head of the *Inverse Problem and Optimisation* group, Lab. of Mechanics of Solids, Ecole Polytechnique
- Industry**
- 1985-1987 Consulting Engineer in Computer Science (Machine learning and Stochastic optimization).
- 1982-1985 Senior engineer, Thomson-CSF (now Thales).
- 1980-1982 Engineer, Thomson-CSF.

## Teaching

- since 2010 Master module in Statistical Learning and Optimization (50 hours, with Francois Yvon);
- since 2010 Master module in Advanced Learning and Applications (24 hours)
- 2003-2009 Master module in Statistical Learning and Data Mining (24 hours)
- 2010 Master module in Data Mining (Beyrut, 24 hours)
- 2006 Summer School in Ubiquitous Data Mining (Porto, 6 hours)
- 2001 Summer School in Statistical Learning (Udine, 8 hours)

## Supervision

- Olivier Bousquet (2002, PhD Award of Ecole Polytechnique), now at Google Zurich
- Jérôme Maloberti (2004), Research engineer, CNRS Paris-7.
- Alexandre Termier (2005, co-supervised with Marie-Christine Rousset), Associate Pr, Univ. Grenoble
- Jérémie Mary (2005, co-supervised with Antoine Cornuéjols), Associate professor, Univ. Lille-III
- Sylvain Gelly (2007, co-supervised with Nicolas Bredèche; PhD Award Chancellerie des Universités; PhD Award runner-up Académie des Sciences), Google Zurich

- Nicolas Baskiotis (2008), Associate Pr., Univ. Paris-6.
- Cédric Hartland (2009, co-supervised with Nicolas Bredèche), Associate Pr. in EPITA.
- Xiangliang Zhang (2010, co-supervised with Cécile Germain, Outstanding Award from National China, Research Council for Abroad Students (20 in 2010 in France, all disciplines)), Research scientist, KAUST U. Saudi Arabia.
- Romaric Gaudel (2010), Associate Pr., Univ Lille-III.
- Philippe Rolet (2010) (co-supervised with Olivier Teytaud), Senior Engineer, start-up DigiMine.
- Alvaro Fialho (2010, co-supervised with Marc Schoenauer), Post-doc, Ecole Polytechnique.
- Ilya Loshchilov (2013, co-supervised with Marc Schoenauer), Post-doc, EPFL Lausanne.
- Wang Weijia (July. 2014), research engineer in Flight Automatic Control Research Institute (FACRI), China.
- Riad Akrouf (Sept. 2014, co-supervised with Marc Schoenauer).

On-going: Nicolas Galichet, Yoann Isaac, Guohua Zhang, Basile Mayeur, Thomas Schmitt.

## Prizes and honors

- ECCAI Fellow, 2010
- Winner of the Online Trading of Exploitation vs Exploration Challenge (as a team, 2006; NIPS 2006)
- Winner of the Predictive Toxicology Evaluation Challenge (as an individual, 1997; IJCAI 1999).
- Best Paper Award, PPSN 2014; LION 2009.

## Steering Committees

- Board member of CHIST-ERA (*European Coordinated Research on Long-term Challenges in Information and Communication Sciences & Technologies ERA-Net*) since 2011.
- Member of the European Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery from Databases Steering Committee since 2010.
- Member of the PASCAL Steering Committee (2005-2013); manager of the Challenge Programme (*Pattern Analysis, Statistical Modelling & Computational Learning*, 2003-2013, Network of Excellence).
- Member of the KD-Ubiq Management Board (2005-2008; Ubiquitous Knowledge Discovery Coordination Action).
- Board member of the CNRS Computer Science Council (INS2I), since 2011.
- President of the French Association for AI (2003-2010).

## Memberships to Editorial Boards

- Editorial board, Machine Learning Journal (Springer Verlag, since 2001)
- Editorial board, Genetic Programming and Evolvable Hardware (Springer Verlag, since 2001)
- Action Editor for IEEE Trans. on Evolutionary Computation (1998-2003)
- Editorial board of Knowledge and Information Systems, Springer (2003-2008)

## Organisation of International Conferences

- **Programme Chair**, European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery from Databases (ECML PKDD, 3 volumes Springer Verlag LNCS), with Jose Balcazar, Francesco Bonchi and Aris Gionis (2010)
- **Programme Chair**, International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming (ILP, 1 volume Springer Verlag LNAI), with Céline Rouveirol (2001)
- **Tutorial chair** for Eur. Conf. on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI), with J. Lang, 2012; for ECML PKDD 2003.

- **Area Chair** for Int. Conf. on Machine Learning (ICML) 05, 08, 09, 11; ACM-Sigmod Knowledge Discovery from Database (KDD) 09; ECML PKDD 01 05 08; Eur. Conf. on Artificial Intelligence 08.
- PC Member of the main international conferences in Machine Learning, Data Mining and Evolutionary Computation: ICML, ECML PKDD, KDD, Int. Conf. on Data Mining (ICDM), ILP, Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO), Parallel Problem Solving from Nature (PPSN)

## Selected Publications

### Sequential decision making in machine learning and optimization

- Self-adaptive surrogate-assisted covariance matrix adaptation evolution strategy. Ilya Loshchilov, Marc Schoenauer, Michele Sebag. Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO) 2012: 321-328
- Feature Selection as a One-Player Game. Romaric Gaudel, Michele Sebag. Int. Conf. on Machine Learning (ICML) 2010 359-366
- Boosting Active Learning to Optimality: A Tractable Monte-Carlo, Billiard-Based Algorithm Philippe Rolet, Michele Sebag, Olivier Teytaud. Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD) 2009: 302-317

### Rewards for autonomous agents

- APRIL: Active Preference-learning based Reinforcement Learning. Riad Akrou; Marc Schoenauer; Michele Sebag. Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD) 2012, Springer Verlag LNCS 7524, pp. 116-131.
- Sustainable cooperative coevolution with a multi-armed bandit. Francois-Michel De Rainville, Michele Sebag, Christian Gagné, Marc Schoenauer, Denis Laurendeau. Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO) 2013: 1517-1524
- Open-Ended Evolutionary Robotics: An Information Theoretic Approach. Pierre Delarboulas, Marc Schoenauer, Michele Sebag. In Parallel Problem Solving from Nature 2010 Springer Verlag LNCS, p. 334-343

### Algorithm/heuristic selection and hyper-parameter tuning

- Collaborative hyperparameter tuning. Remi Bardenet; Mathias Brendel; Balazs Kegl; Michele Sebag. Int. Conf. on Machine Learning (ICML) 2013, JMLR Workshop and Conference Proceedings, 28, pp. 199-207
- Bandit-based Search for Constraint Programming. Manuel Loth; Michele Sebag; Youssef Hamadi; Marc Schoenauer. Int. Conf. on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming (CP) 2013, Springer Verlag LNCS 8124, pp. 464-480
- Extreme Value Based Adaptive Operator Selection. Alvaro Fialho, Luis Da Costa, Marc Schoenauer, and Michele Sebag. Parallel Problem Solving From Nature 2008, Springer Verlag, pages 175–184, 2008.

## List of selected publications

- Editor [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
- Journals papers [6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27]
- Chapters [28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40]
- International Conferences (selection on full papers) [41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 18, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132]

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- [2] C. Rouveirol and M. Sebag (eds). *Proceedings of Eleventh International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming*. Springer Verlag, LNAI 2157, 2001.
- [3] J. L. Balcázar, F. Bonchi, A. Gionis, and M. Sebag (eds). *Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD), Part I*. Number 6322 in Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer Verlag, 2010.
- [4] J. L. Balcázar, F. Bonchi, A. Gionis, and M. Sebag (eds). *Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD), Part II*. Number 6323 in Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer Verlag, 2010.
- [5] J. L. Balcázar, F. Bonchi, A. Gionis, and M. Sebag (eds). *Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD), Part III*. Number 6324 in Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer Verlag, 2010.
- [6] Cheng-Wei Chou, Ping-Chiang Chou, Jean-Joseph Christophe, Adrien Couëtoux, Pierre de Fremville, Nicolas Galichet, Chang-Shing Lee, Jialin Liu, David Lupien Saint-Pierre, Michèle Sebag, Olivier Teytaud, Mei-Hui Wang, Li-Wen Wu, and Shi-Jim Yen. Strategic choices in optimization. *J. Inf. Sci. Eng.*, 30(3):727–747, 2014.
- [7] Weijia Wang and Michèle Sebag. Hypervolume indicator and dominance reward based multi-objective monte-carlo tree search. *Machine Learning*, 92(2-3):403–429, 2013.
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- [9] Michèle Sebag. A tour of machine learning: An AI perspective. *AI Commun.*, 27(1):11–23, 2014.
- [10] Sylvain Gelly, Levente Kocsis, Marc Schoenauer, Michèle Sebag, David Silver, Csaba Szepesvári, and Olivier Teytaud. The grand challenge of computer Go: Monte Carlo tree search and extensions. *Commun. ACM*, 55(3):106–113, 2012.
- [11] Cédric Gouy-Pailler, Michèle Sebag, Anthony Larue, and Antoine Souloumiac. Single trial variability in brain-computer interfaces based on motor imagery: Learning in the presence of labeling noise. *Int. J. Imaging Systems and Technology*, 21(2):148–157, 2011.
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